

ACROSS

- 1 Choose in advance (3-6)
- 8 Oven in which pottery is fired (4)
- 9 Act of stating positively (9)
- 10 Male admirer (4)
- 13 Tapered end (5)
- 16 Latin-American dance (5)
- 17 Raring to go (5)
- 18 Cut, clip (5)
- 19 Braid (5)
- 20 Scoundrel (5)
- 21 In a fitting way (5)
- 24 Crossword box (4)
- 27 Fermented dairy product (4,5)
- 28 Canvas dwelling (4)
- 29 Floating home, usually on a river (9)

DOWN

- 2 Trick, ploy (4)
- 3 Ranked player (4)
- 4 Numbers game (5)
- 5 Royal head-dress (5)
- 6 Uncouple (9)
- 7 Leisurely (9)
- 11 Reproduce, multiply (9)
- 12 Hasty (9)
- 13 Spaghetti or lasagne, for example (5)
- 14 Ham-fisted (5)
- 15 ___ Gilliam, 'Monty Python' member (5)
- 22 Picture put into an album (5)
- 23 London cricket ground (5)
- 25 Pincer crustacean (4)
- 26 Volcanic outpouring (4)

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